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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Stephen Bosworth

Chairman, Secretary's Policy Planning Council

FROM:

National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT:

The Strategic Weapons Spiral: Soviet Reactions

to US Initiatives?

1. The Soviets have been effective in convincing many in the West that their own strategic force efforts are merely a response to US initiatives, that it is the United States that leads the "arms race", and that they, being a peaceloving nation, only reluctantly respond to US provocations. Just recently, they have advanced a draft treaty to ban antisatellite systems. They are accompanying this with a public campaign against the US ASAT and directed energy efforts, in which they will characterize the US as leading in these efforts, despite the fact that they have a deployed ASAT system and have been working on directed energy programs for years.

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2. Unfortunately, we have not done an effective job of refuting Soviet claims and turning the tables on them. They have a great advantage over us in the public affairs game because of their ability to clamp a selective lid of secrecy on the military programs they have underway. Also, they devote great effort to propagandizing. I have attached what I consider to be an important paper with some unique insights on current and future aspects of this problem.

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